

LESS HEAT, MORE LIGHT!

Philippians – To Live Is Christ

Philippians 2:12-18

This week's verses give additional input on how we can "work out our salvation." Remember, though, that God Himself is already on the job—in you, around you and for His glorious purposes. As you meet with Him, ask Him to enrich your understanding of these realities. Then as God reproduces the life of Christ in you, go forth and be a bright light in our dark world! And remember, produce less heat and more light! If you do, you'll stand out for His gospel for sure.
Pastor Dale

Monday—Get to work!

Read 1 Peter 2:1–3 and compare it to Philippians 2:12–14. What does this teach you about your responsibilities and/or resources in Christ? Note the “dimmers” that harm our ability to shine. Which of these do you need to put off? Notice the motivation in verse 3. Give thanks for His kindness and grace and pursue the imitation of Jesus!

Tuesday—Get to work!

Review Philippians 2:14–15 and compare it to 2 Timothy 2:21–26. What does this teach you about your responsibilities and/or resources in Christ? Which attitudes or actions harm your ability to shine for Christ? Which ones enhance and brighten your witness? How does verse 26 lead you toward a more compassionate spirit toward unbelievers who may not agree with you?

Wednesday—God is at work!

Review Philippians 1:6 and 2:13. Now read Colossians 1:28–29. What does this teach you about God's goal for your life? What resources are available to help you grow toward maturity in Christ? Note the balance between your responsibility to work and God's promise to work in you. Give thanks and don't settle for spiritual mediocrity!

Thursday—Be a light!

Review Philippians 2:15–18 then reflect on Colossians 3:12–15. From this passage, what kind of lifestyle enhances our witness for Christ? From this great list, where do you see evidence of God at work in you? How has He been transforming you? Where do you need to ask Him to help you “brighten” your witness for Christ? Pray over this list and ask God to grow you as a “light in the midst of darkness”.

Friday—Be a light!

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INTRODUCTION

I. GROW UP: GOD'S ALREADY WORKING... JOIN HIM! *(PHIL. 2:12-13)*

#1- Get to Work! (v. 12)

- Action:
- Attitude:

- God loves His children, but disciplines in love.
- God's children are secured by His grace and love.
(John 5:24; 6:37-40; 10:27-28; Romans 5:8-10; 8:1; I John 5:13)
- Don't fear the Father, but fear the "wasted life".

#2 - Remember, God Is Already on the Job! (v. 13)

- Three great facts you can count on:
 1. God is working _____.
 2. God is working _____.
 3. God is working _____.

II. STAND OUT: LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINE! *(PHIL. 2:14-18)*

#1 - God's Purpose: Be a Light in a World of Darkness (v. 15)

#2 - God's Plan: Up Your Wattage! (vv. 14-18)

- Disconnect the "dimmers" (v. 14)
- Up the "wattage" (vv. 14-18)

SO THIS WEEK...